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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:	JIA <i>et al.</i>)	
SERIAL NO.:	09/741,215)	EXAMINER: PATTEN, P. A.
FILED:	DECEMBER 19, 2000)	ART UNIT: 1651
FOR:	METHOD FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF CHRONIC VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY)	CONFIRMATION NO.: 7672

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

A final Office Action was mailed in the above-captioned patent application on May 21, 2002. In such Office Action pending claims 13, 15-17, 19 and 21-25 were rejected. This Amendment and Remarks document is submitted in response to the Office Action.

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AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendments into the application.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 17, 21, 24 and 25.

13. (twice amended) A method for the isolation and purification of an aporphine alkaloid from a plant; said method comprising:

- (a) extraction of a ground biomass of a plant containing aporphine alkaloids with a solvent;
- (b) neutralization and concentration of the neutralized extract; and
- (c) purification of said extract by a ~~chromatographic~~ method, wherein said ~~chromatographic~~ method is selected from the group consisting of ion exchange chromatography, reverse phase chromatography, size exclusion chromatography, ~~ultra~~-filtration or a combination of two or more of these methods.

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